

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** an estimated 180,000 residents of the Palmetto State are either deaf or hard of hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** these individuals, who live, work, and play in communities across our state, make positive contributions to our economic growth and prosperity in many ways; and

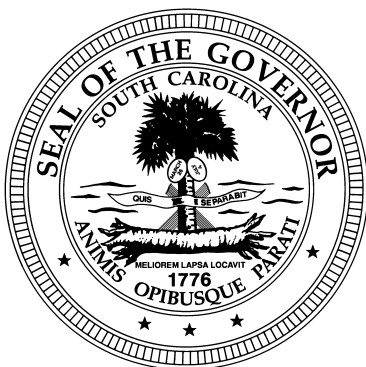
**WHEREAS,** working in many roles, including as parents, students, workers, neighbors, educators, and businesspeople, deaf and hard of hearing residents are responsible for significant accomplishments that positively impact people and communities across South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** Deaf Awareness Week provides an opportunity to recognize, honor, and learn more about the contributions, culture, and achievements of the members of our deaf and hard of hearing community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 23 - 29, 2007, as

### DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to help raise awareness of the special culture, the significant achievements, and the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing residents of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**